

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Bogotá January 24 and February 12, 1944, modifying and extending agreement of October 23, 1942

Entered into force February 12, 1944

Program expired June 30, 1960

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Bogotá, January 24, 1944

No. 285

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to my Note no. 115 of October 23, 1942¹ and to Communication no. 1110 of October 23, 1942¹ from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with regard to the establishment of a cooperative program of public health and sanitation in Colombia. It will be recalled that my government agreed to send experts to Colombia to cooperate with officials of the Colombian Government, and particularly the Ministry of Trabajo, Higiene y Prevision Social, in a specific program for the improvement of health and sanitation conditions in Colombia in accordance with a detailed agreement to be worked out between the Ministry of Trabajo, Higiene y Prevision Social and the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. It was agreed at that time that the Government of the United States, through the agency of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs would provide not to exceed one million dollars for the execution of this program and it was subsequently agreed, in the exchange of communications between the Ministry of Trabajo, Higiene y Prevision Social and the representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, that the Colombian Government would make available the sum of one million pesos as its financial contribution to the joint enterprise, and in addition would furnish such expert personnel and services as it might consider necessary for the efficient development of the program.

Following the exchange of communications between Your Excellency's Ministry and this Embassy details with regard to the execution of the pro-

¹ EAS 369, *ante*, p. 950.

gram were worked out between the Minister of Trabajo, Higiene y Prevision Social and General George C. Dunham, representing the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. This led to the establishment within the Ministry of Trabajo, Higiene y Prevision Social of the Servicio Cooperativo Interamericano de Salud Publica which has been administering the details of the program.

I have now been informed by the Department of State at Washington that additional funds amounting to \$600,000 have been made available by the Institute of Inter-American Affairs for the continuation of the joint program in Colombia, to be expended over a period to be mutually agreed upon between the appropriate officials of the Colombian Government and the Vice President of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, General Dunham, who is now in Bogotá. It is proposed that for the continuation of this program the Government of Colombia likewise contribute the sum of \$600,000 U.S. currency, and that further additional details with regard to the continuance and scope of the program be worked out by mutual agreement between the Minister of Trabajo, Higiene y Prevision Social and General Dunham.

I am hopeful that the proposed arrangement as outlined above is agreeable to Your Excellency's government and I would appreciate receiving an expression of Your Excellency's opinion as soon as may be possible in order that the technical details of the program may be worked out during General Dunham's stay in Bogotá.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

ARTHUR BLISS LANE

His Excellency

Señor Doctor don CARLOS LOZANO Y LOZANO,
Minister of Foreign Relations of Colombia.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS

Bogotá, February 12, 1944

No. S-134

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to refer again to Your Excellency's Note No. 285, of January 24 last, relating to the matter of the increase in the appropriations of the Inter-American Cooperative Public Health Service.

The Ministry of Labor, Hygiene and Social Welfare, upon being consulted, states that, according to the conversations held with General George C.

Dunham, an expansion of the program which the aforesaid organization is now carrying on in Colombia has been agreed upon, on the basis of a contribution of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00 U.S. currency) for an equal sum on the part of the Colombian Government.²

The details concerning the manner in which these sums will be contributed, as well as certain other details, have been contemplated in the said agreement.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

For the Minister
the Secretary General
ALFREDO CABALLERO ESCOVAR

His Excellency
ARTHUR BLISS LANE,
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of the United States of America,
City*

² For an exchange of letters dated Jan. 27 and 29, 1944, between the Executive Vice President of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the Colombian Minister of Labor, Hygiene, and Social Welfare, see 61 Stat. 2894 or p. 18 of TIAS 1623.